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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Thomas P. Parks et al.

Application No.: 09/769,621

Filed: January 23, 2001

For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS  
FOR THE TREATMENT OF  
ANORECTAL DISORDERS

Examiner: Vickie Kim

Art Unit: 1614

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR  
INTERFERENCE**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action ("Action") mailed September 27, 2001, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks with a request for consideration.

Applicants have separately filed a petition for a two-month extension of time with payment of the appropriate fees.

**AMENDMENTS**

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claim 41 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 34, 37 and 42 as follows: